Burdunellus

(fl. c. 496)

BRIEFING

Burdunellus (meaning "little mule", possibly a nickname) was a Roman usurper of the late fifth century AD, recorded only briefly in the *Consularia Caesaraugustana*.

BIOGRAPHY

Under 496 it is recorded that "he became a tyrant in Hispania", a phrase which, in the political language of the time and considering the nature of the source, must mean he tried to claim the imperial dignity and authority.

He was eventually abandoned by his own supporters, who turned him over to Visigothic authorities and sent him to Tolosa, where he was burned to death inside a bronze bull, an unusual fate for a usurper but designed to humiliate.

LOCATION

The location of Burdunellus' petty government is unknown, but was probably the valley of the Ebro centred on Caesaraugusta.